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February 8, 2026 | The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Artist: Willard Leroy Metcalf

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the first reading we hear a familiar message and commandment from God that we should take care of the needy. Jesus will later repeat this admonition and intensify it by saying that whatever we do for the neediest people in our midst, we do for Him. But notice that there is a connection between our obedience to this commandment and our prayers being heard and swiftly answered. There is even a connection between our obedience to this commandment and our being healed.

"Thus says the LORD:
Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked when you see them,
and do not turn your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
your vindication shall go before you;
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,
you shall cry for help, and He will say: Here I am!"
(Isaiah 58:7-8)

St. Peter Chrysologus said that fasting is the soul of prayer, and that mercy or charity is the soul of fasting. Mercy and acts of generosity give life to our fasting, which also animates our life of prayer. Our prayer–our relationship with God– cannot be separated from our interactions with and care for those who are poor. This is certainly something to think about as our parish begins its participation with the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, but there are many other opportunities besides that. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you when and how to bless the needy; in doing so you also will be blessed.

"The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them." (Mark 14:7)

God Bless You,

Fr. Dan

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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Parish Mission Statement – Preaching Series

SPIRIT-FILLED ● MISSIONARY ● COMMUNITY

HOMILY PLAYLIST

Scan the QR code to access recordings of homilies from Fr. Dan and Fr. Jack, inviting us to reflect more deeply on our call to form a community of Spirit-filled, missionary disciples of Jesus.

Whether you want to revisit a message that spoke to you, listen with fresh ears, or catch a homily you may have missed, these recordings are here to support your reflection, help renewal take root, and nurture the Spirit's movement within our parish.

SJB on Mission:

A MORNING OF MOBILIZATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
FOLLOWING THE 8 AM
MASS - 12:45 PM

Don't forget to RSVP! Join us for *SJB on Mission: A Morning of Mobilization*— a chance to respond to what the Lord has been stirring through our three-part preaching series on the parish mission statement. Step into what God is unfolding at St. John the Baptist and help carry the momentum forward.

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RSVP & LEARN MORE

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

NEXT WEEK

WORSHIP NIGHT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

SJB's monthly Worship Nights will be held on Tuesdays during Lent. Join us this Tuesday for an evening of worship through music, adoration, and confession.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

MARCH ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Lent 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 AM 12:15 PM 6:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7:00 PM

SJB LENTEN FASTING AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

All parishioners are invited to sign up for one day of fasting and prayer during Lent for our Diocese and our parish.

Our Lenten intentions are: the needs of Bishop Earl Boyea, vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese, and deeper conversion for all at St. John the Baptist.

Please sign up via the QR Code.
We ask that each day be covered once before adding multiple sign-ups for a single date.

SJB CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry is in full swing this semester! Our small groups are up and running, we are gearing up for our upcoming Mission Trip to Flint, and we have already hosted two Disciples Nights and a Worship Night this semester. In addition to these gatherings, our team has been active in outreach across campus and, of course, sharing plenty of joyful and goofy moments along the way that make community so special.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued prayers and support as we accompany students in their faith journeys.

Kids' Matching Activity

Below, you'll see two columns, one with familiar faces of our students and staff, and one with photos of an interactive LED sculpture we encountered during our Winter Retreat at SEEK 2026. Draw a line to match each person with the correct image. Look closely and have fun! See page 8 of the bulletin for the answers.

☐ Sculpture A

☐ Sculpture B

☐ Sculpture C

☐ Sculpture D

☐ Emily Hall

☐ Scott Wells

☐ Kolbe Noch

☐ Jacob Page

SUPPORT OUR WORSHIP AT MASS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteer support for our liturgies. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following ministries:

- **Sacristans** – Prepare the church for Mass and assist with lights, sound, and setup.
- **Altar Care Team** – Care for sacred linens, altar cloths, candle holders, and vessels.
- **Ushers & Greeters** – Welcome parishioners, assist with the collection, and support practical needs.

PLEASE CONTACT SR. MARY IN THE PARSH OFFICE AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

16TH ANNUAL DINNER FOR LIFE

Please join the seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary (including our very own seminarians, Paul Keenan and Alex Young) for an evening of worship and stories of hope as we celebrate the dignity of human life. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a delicious dinner cooked and served by seminarians. All proceeds will go to benefit Pregnancy Aid Detroit.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY
DETROIT, MI

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

February 9th.....Catholic Morality Q&A / Ministry Panel

February 16th.....Lent - Liturgical Prayer - Lazarus

February 23rd.....Examination of Conscience and Reconciliation Walk Thru

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2026 PINE HILLS CAMP

Pine Hills is a week-long Catholic summer camp for rising seventh to ninth graders. This coming year will be our 40th summer of bringing youth together for a week of faith alive in the Spirit, authentic friendships, and outdoor adventure. Cost is $529 per camper. Scholarships available)

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST AT 3:00 PM
PINEHILLSCAMP.COM

BOYS CAMP JUNE 7-13
GIRLS CAMP AUGUST 2-8

SJB WARMING SHELTER - COORDINATED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Men of the parish are invited to help care for the homeless from February 9 – 16, as SJB hosts a traveling warming shelter with the *Shelter Association of Washtenaw County*. Join the Knights of Columbus each night to serve those most in need.

CONTACT SHAWN LENHARDT AT 734-260-2732 TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE.

FEBRUARY 9 - 16, 2026
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC AND TRINTIY HALL

CRUX: A LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

This Lent, join Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR, for Crux—a daily journey of surrender and discipleship. This all-in-one Lenten experience offers daily meditations, weekly video reflections, and family-friendly content rooted in Scripture, prayer, fasting, and discipline. Crux invites you to follow Christ more intentionally and discover God's strength at work within you.

SJB will have a limited number of books available for a suggested donation of $10.

RESERVE YOUR COPY VIA THE QR CODE.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
12:15 PM: Lucy & John Rodriguez
Requested by Marcy Muczynski

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
6:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of the Firn Godchildren
Requested by Joe & Mary Firn

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
8:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

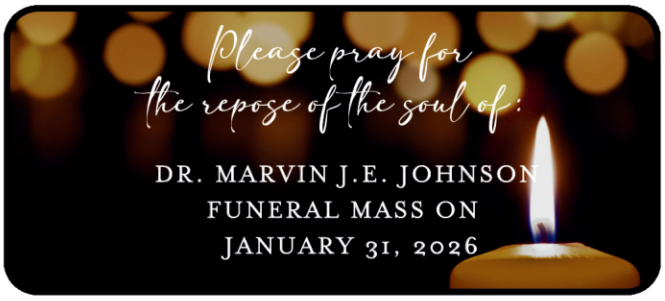
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH
8:00 AM: † Rose Coltson
Requested by Tina Tarrent

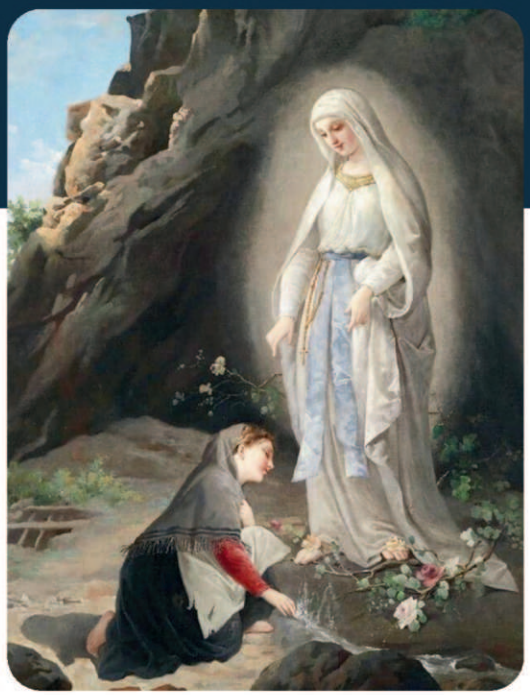
5 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
9:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

11 AM: People of the Parish

KIDS' MATCHING ACTIVITY
— ANSWERS —
SCULPTURE A - JACOB PAGE
SCULPTURE B - KOLBE NOCH
SCULPTURE C - EMILY HALL
SCULPTURE D - SCOTT WELLS





Our Lady of Lourdes

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026

On February 11, 1858, in the town of Lourdes, France, a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous went out with her sister and friend to gather firewood in the nearby grotto of Massabielle. An ordinary task quickly turned into an unexpected moment of grace. As Bernadette began to remove her socks to cross the stream, she heard a gust of wind and noticed a woman clothed in a white dress, an "equally white veil," a blue belt, and a yellow rose on each foot. In silence, Bernadette and the woman prayed the Rosary together. This was the first of eighteen apparitions that Bernadette experienced.

When Bernadette recounted her encounter with the lady to her parents, they forbade her to return to the grotto. They were a poor, peasant family and feared drawing attention to themselves. But the next day they were persuaded to let her go back. In her excitement, she returned to the grotto and began praying the Rosary. As she began her second decade, the lady appeared. Bernadette brought holy water with her this time. She told the apparition that if she was from God, she was to stay after she sprinkled holy water on her, and if not, she was to leave. The more she sprinkled holy water, the more the lady smiled and bowed her head at Bernadette. The girls she was with were frightened by how Bernadette was entranced. The miller at the grotto, Antoine Nicolau, recounted:

Bernadette was on her knees, her eyes wide open, facing the niche in the rock, her hands joined, the Rosary between her fingers; tears were flowing from her two eyes. She was smiling and had a beautiful face, more beautiful than any I had ever seen. I was troubled and pleased to see her like this, and all day my heart was touched when I thought of her.

The third apparition took place on February 18th, when the Lady asked her to return to the grotto for the next fifteen days. By the eighth apparition, the tone shifted from joy to penance. The Lady asked Bernadette to do several acts of penance for the conversion of sinners. Bernadette accepted and did several things that seemed perplexing to all of the people who watched her during the apparitions. She kissed the muddy ground, rubbed mud on her face, and drank the dirty water for sinners. During the ninth apparition, a stream of water came forth from the ground, creating a miraculous spring, signifying the outpouring of God's love and mercy despite our sinfulness.

As the days went on, more and more people came to the grotto to observe. Miracles took place in the waters of the spring, and hearts were converted. The central question that Bernadette and the rest of the town wanted answered was, "what is the Lady's name?" On the Feast of the Annunciation, she finally revealed her identity to Bernadette, saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Millions of pilgrims visit the Massabielle grotto every year, and countless people have reported miraculous physical and spiritual healings. The message of Our Lady of Lourdes calls us to seek out personal conversion, persist in prayer, and be open to the mercy and love that God has for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Article Written by Anna Nojoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 14TH & FEBRUARY 15TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Carolyn Bradley	Carol Wack
Need Volunteer	Stephen Bradley	Wendy Winnie
Need Volunteer	Shawn Lenhardt	Need Volunteer
Need Volunteer	Brenda Swan	Need Volunteer
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	John Belleba	Shelly Czupinski
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Andy Winnie
LECTORS		
Tom Moffit	Rebecca Lussier	Melissa Florian
Maggie Sell	Sarah Scholl	Jack Lynch
SACRISTAN		
Natalie Klackle	Lucy Shaw	Rachel Boudreaux
ALTAR SERVERS		
Joe Comazzi	Kellan Gentit	Donald Cahalan
Damian Dahl	Mathias Gentit	Eliseo Gonzalez
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Thomas Meyer

ADDITIONAL LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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